



Mt. Hood National Forest Community Stewardship Newsletter

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Pioneer Days on the Barlow District By Sarah Green

On September 9th, volunteers Cora Lee and Roy Groce met with four other volunteers at White River Campground Station to begin setting up Pioneer Camp. This annual event lasted nine days and was visited by 7 schools from as far away as Portland, Or. Approximately 454 third, fourth, and fifth graders made the trip out to the Barlow Road for a taste of Pioneer life. The weekends were open to Scout Groups and the general public where the attendance varied anywhere from two to sixteen visitors a day. Overall about 30 people came to visit outside of the school programs.

Pioneer Camp is designed to give 3rd – 5th graders a hands-on experience as well as focus on what life was like as a Pioneer in the 1840's. Stations varied and many volunteers helped to keep things going throughout the week.

Groups visited the wagon station, which demonstrated what pioneers could bring with them on the trail. The toy station showed that many of the same toys that pioneer children played with are the similar to the toys that kids play with today. The Dutch oven station showed kids how pioneers could start a fire without matches and cook stews as well as bake in a Dutch oven. The wool carding station gave students an opportunity to card their own wool and see how it could be spun into yarn for later use. At the butter station kids listened to old pioneer stories while they churned cream into butter. The rope making machine allowed students to make their own jump rope out of six strands of string.

Mike Dryden, Eastside Zone Archeologist for Mt. Hood, allowed students to discover the excitement of finding old artifacts and the importance of leaving things as you find them by allowing them to assist him in an archaeological dig. Ron Kikel from the Hood River Ranger District spent a couple days talking to students about medicines and medical procedures that pioneers would have used on the Oregon Trail.

This year's program wouldn't have been possible without the many willing volunteers, the experience and knowledge that the Groce's provided, and the extra volunteer support from the North West Service Academy AmeriCorps program.



Students at Barlow Pioneer Days 2011



Bicycle sign

YCC Rebuilds Bridges on Dog River By Scott Snair

The Forest Service recently repaired two bridges on the Dog River Trail #675 with help from our Parkdale based Youth Conservation Corps. This trail serves hikers, horses, and is a favorite among mountain bikers. See BRIDGES page 2...



Westside Youth Fishing Clinic by Jonathon Schillo and Justin Erickson

On June 18, the Zigzag Ranger District in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife hosted the annual *Junior Fishing Clinic* at Trillium Lake. The event was well attended despite cold, rainy weather. Due to the generosity of local businesses all children that attended received a prize. Also, prizes were distributed for largest fish, first fish of the day, and most accurate cast. Fishing was not the only activity at the clinic, children could also learn about macro-invertebrates, observe the Stream simulator, participate at the fish painting booth, and enjoy fireside smores. A special thanks to all the volunteers that helped make this event possible.

The previous week, on June 11, the Clackamas River Ranger District partnered with Clackamas River Trout Unlimited to host the annual *Youth Fishing Clinic* at Small Fry Pond. About one hundred youngsters attended the event. After registering at the pond's entrance, the youth received a bag filled with educational literature and prizes. In similar fashion to the Zigzag Fishing Clinic, prizes were distributed for the largest and smallest fish. In addition to fishing, children could inspect a dissected fish and learn about fish anatomy. A great lunch of hot dogs, chips, and soda was provided by local vendors and then prepared by volunteers from Timber Lake Job Corps. Many thanks go out to all those who helped support the event and who made it a success!



Annual Fishing Clinic at Small Fry Pond

We would like to thank the following organizations and local businesses for their contributions of food, prizes, bait, and support:

Zigzag Ranger District Youth Fishing Clinic Sponsors

Dairy Queen	Ron Lauzon	Hoodland Fire Department
Skyway	Mt. Hood Foods	Hoodland Fruit Stand
Thriftway	Coffee Brewsters	The Zigzag Inn
Café Aria	Wy' East Books	Mt. Hood 26 Snow and Skate
Wraptitude	El Burrow Loco	Mt. Building Supply
Govey General	Mt. Hood Village	

Clackamas River Ranger District Youth Fishing Clinic Sponsors

Clackamas River Trout Unlimited	High School Pharmacy
U.S. Fish and Wildlife	Clackamas Fred Meyer
Promontory Park and Store	Estacada Tackle Shop
Oregon Fish and Wildlife	TimberLake Job Corps
Portland General Electric	Bi-Mart
Abby's Concessions	Sandy Fred Meyer
Estacada True Value	McDonalds

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Severe snow loads from previous years destroyed many bridges across the Hood River Ranger District, including two on the upper end of Dog River Trail. Access to the upper end of the Dog River Trail is located at the junction of FS-Road 44 and FS-Road 620. The trail runs almost 6 miles to the Dog River trailhead on Hwy 35. For more information about this trail, visit the Hood River Ranger Station.



A bridge on Dog River Trail before reconstruction



The same bridge after reconstruction



Boy Scouts and the Order of the Arrow by Sarah Green

The Cascade Pacific Council Boy Scouts of America's Order of the Arrow lodge performed several service projects forest wide on the Mt. Hood National Forest. July 11th – 15th, approximately 50 Boy Scouts and adult leaders participated in this event called ArrowCorps 2011. Projects included the construction of a new information kiosk outside of the office of the Barlow District Ranger Station, the repairing of parts of the Old Growth Trail boardwalk located at Lost Lake in the Hood River Ranger District, and a variety of recreational trail and campground maintenance on the Clackamas and ZigZag Ranger Districts.

considered an honor for a scout to be a part of. In order for a scout to join the Order of the Arrow he must be 14 years of age or older, have the ranking of a 1st class Boy Scout or higher, and be elected by his troop. Order of the Arrow projects focus ways to better serve their local communities. This particular branch of the Boy Scouts often receives so many project requests within their communities that they have to carefully pick and choose which projects they can take on. There are plans for the Wauna La Mon'tay Lodge of the Cascade Pacific Council to volunteer on the Mt. Hood National Forest again in 2014.



Boy Scouts of America patch

The Order of the Arrow is a serviced based branch of the Boy Scouts, and is

Getting Wild With Wildlife!

By Scott Snair

This year's Get Wild with Wildlife event went splendidly. Multiple districts helped with supplies and/or personnel, creating a great Forest Service presence at Families in the Park held in Jackson Park, Hood River. Armed with skulls, pelts, and Jack (a Great Horned Owl from Rowena Wildlife Clinic) the Forest Service employees entertained visitors of all ages.

Most children and parents could name the more popular animals on display like the black tail deer, skunk, and black bear. Other less commonly seen animals proved a harder task to identify, with the wolverine stumping most guests.

Jack stood tall on Ron Kikel's arm and amazed visitors with his beautiful eye (his other eye was damaged in a car accident). I was amazed by how calm he stayed with all the people and the loud music from the band Frogtown.



USFS at Jackson Park, Hood River, OR

Though Woodsy Owl couldn't make it this year, we still promoted water conservation and recycling by providing a free button coloring station. Children colored paper designs before we pressed them into cool buttons for them to take home.

Thanks for everyone involved with Hood River Families in the Park and for Forest Service personnel who helped out at this year's Get Wild with Wildlife. If you missed us this year, mark it on your calendar for next year!



Salmon River Canyon Cleanup by Jonathon Schillo

On September 17, 2011 the first annual Salmon River Canyon Clean Up took place. Around thirty hearty souls gathered at Timberline Lodge to remove trash from the canyon adjacent to the lower parking lot. The canyon presents some logistical challenges due to its rocky and steep terrain. These challenges were compounded on this day due to intermittent rain showers. However volunteers from the US Forest Service, Timberline Lodge, Portland Mountain Rescue, Snorider Foundation, and American Medical Response all contributed to making the headwaters of the Salmon River more pristine. One event participant commented: "It feels good knowing that in some way we are helping all forms of life that rely upon this river."

A very sincere thanks to all the events sponsors who contributed raffle items for the volunteers. The sponsors include: The Skyway, Government Camp General Store, Next Adventure, Grocery Outlet, Safeway, The Sandy Bike Shop, and Mt. Hood Coffee Roasters.



Picking up trash at the Salmon River Canyon



Car Broken into at Graves Creek Trail Head, Olympic National Park. Photo by Andrew Engelson

Keeping Your Car Safe at Trailheads

By Scott Snair

It is an unfortunate reality that cars get broken into at trailheads and sno-parks. Our proximity to Portland lends to the importance of this issue. Here are a few things you can do to help lessen the chances that someone will choose your car.

The best advice is to not have anything in your car. If your car is empty, thieves will be less likely to bother. This includes not leaving a coat on your seat. It may look like you are trying to hide something. We recommend taking your wallet or purse on the hike with you. If you must leave it or other valuables in the car, transfer the items into your trunk BEFORE you park at the trailhead. This keeps people who may be watching you from knowing where you have hid your possessions.

Don't forget to lock your car. This is a simple step for theft deterrence that many people overlook.

Popular items sought by thieves are electronics. Leaving a charging or audio cord visible is a tip that there are electronics inside, so take an extra second to make sure everything is hidden and secure.

An overlooked valuable is your annual Northwest Forest Pass. Don't leave your pass up and your window down!

By following these simple guidelines, you can feel at ease and enjoy hiking your favorite trails.



A Summer of Service

By Jonathan Schillo

The Mt. Hood National Forest Interpretation and Conservation Education Intern Program provides opportunities for six interns to serve the US Forest Service every summer. These interns are typically recent college graduates with a passion for the environment and a willingness to devote a summer to service. Intern's responsibilities range from coordinating and running new programs to guiding tours at Timberline Lodge. As the summer concluded and with it the intern's time in Zigzag, I was able to sit down with interns Christopher Bennett and Lucy Adams and learn more about their summer of service.

Q: What do you feel you personally gained from the summer internship?

CB: I feel that I personally gained great experience working with the public and a government agency. I also learned a great deal about the natural environment of the Pacific Northwest, as well as a greater sense of the importance of educational programs in communities.

Q: Please describe one of the more rewarding experiences from this position?

LA: A boy about to go into the fourth grade stayed after a camp fire talk one evening at Trillium to ask me about star parties at Timberline. Unfortunately, no star parties were scheduled for that weekend, but upon talking to him further I discovered that he had a strong interest in astronomy. He wanted to know the dates of upcoming meteor showers and was interested in learning constellations. The next evening, I returned to

Trillium to give another campfire talk. The boy had returned, and I was able to give him a star map for August and the dates of the rest of the meteor showers in 2011. I helped him find north to better orient the star map, and he left, excited to begin his astronomical explorations. I hope that someday he will become an astronomer, discover a new planet, and name it after the ranger that encouraged him in science.

Q: Why do you feel the program is important?

CB: I feel that the Interpretation and Conservation Education program is a great resource to teach young people about the natural environment as well as the information and inspiration necessary to foster a generation where the need for sustainable practices is becoming ever more apparent.

Q: Why do you feel the education intern program is important?

LA: One evening, after a successful campfire talk at Trillium Lake, a visitor was overheard to say, "Well, that was neat! I'm not going to be scared of bats anymore!" I believe that that moment sums up a lot of why our program is important: visitors are unfamiliar with the natural and human history of this area. The educational program gives them knowledge, with knowledge comes appreciation, and with appreciation, protection. Part of the mission of the US Forest Service is to conserve our natural resources, and that conservation cannot happen without an attitude of stewardship on the part of the forest's visitors. The education and interpretation program can provide both the knowledge and the inspiration required to build that attitude of stewardship.



Smokey and Woodsy in Action!

